

NOTES FOR NSC PRESENTATION
NET CAPABILITIES ESTIMATE RE
CONTINENTAL DEFENSE

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1. This estimate embodies these elements:
 - a) Soviet capabilities to produce deliverable nuclear weapons and Soviet capability to deliver on Continental United States by aircraft, guided missile, submarine and clandestine entry.
 - b) Soviet intentions as to target priorities with available delivery capabilities, i. e. would U.S.A. be primary target, or U.S.A. plus our overseas bases, or the latter plus certain targets in other countries.

These estimates are intelligence estimates.

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c) Other side of coin is the defense:

early warning, interception, anti-aircraft
and the like, plus protective measures concerted
by ODM, Civilian Defense measures & the like.

This part largely a military appraisal
with contributions from ODM, Civilian
Defense, FBI, etc.

2. The final product - marriage of the
intelligence estimates mentioned above,
plus an estimate of our over-all
defensive capabilities.

If either intelligence estimators or the
military defenders have exclusive
jurisdiction, the resulting product might
unwittingly be warped in favor of defense
or tend to be largely purely an estimate
of Soviet gross capabilities. (Would
make either both judge and jury.)

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4. Answer point:- Estimators could turn over their estimate and let Defense strip balance. Whole result depends upon method of doing this: marriage requires cooperation. Int. must have full responsible participation. Neither Int. Est. nor Defensive capabilities est. - exact scientific.
5. Don't need details of war plans.
6. Practical Solution: Defense (or JCS) name rep. - CIA after consultation with I. A. C. would designate a rep. These two would get to work coopting services of State, ODM, Civil Defense, FBI as to matters of concern to them; calling on IAC and Defense (JCS) for respective contributions. This report submitted to Chairman JCS & DCI for

3, The National Security Act of 1947, setting up the CIA, has provided that it shall be the duty of the Agency, under the direction of the National Security Council "to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security * * * using where appropriate existing agencies and facilities."

Under that authority Intelligence Advisory Committee constituted: Four military representatives, the senior Intelligence Officers of the three services and of the Joint Staff and three civilians - intelligence officers of the Department of State, Atomic Energy Commission and the representative of the Director of the FBI. DCI Chairman.

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transmission with any comments to
President through NSC. JCS member
Chairman - but intelligence present as
full participating member.